High Commission of India in Islamabad has issued 7056 visas in September, 6442 in October and 7375 in November this year. These numbers are higher than visas issued before the Mission size had been reduced, following the December 13, 2001 attack on Indian Parliament. There is, however, still a backlog in grant of visas due to the high demand from people in Pakistan wanting to visit India.

Corruption free governance

*337. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any short term or long term plan that are both pragmatic and actionable to usher the country into an era of corruption free governance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Government is fully alive to the need to eradicate corruption and effectively implement its policy of 'Zero Tolerance' to corruption. To achieve this goal, the Government had adopted short term and long-term measures. The Government has devised Annual Action Plan to monitor anti-corruption and vigilance activities of various Ministries/Departments. Annual Action Plan has three main features *i.e.* preventive vigilance, surveillance and detection and punitive deterrent action. As regards long-term strategy, the Government endeavors to bring more transparency into the system by various Administrative and Legislative measures.

(c) Does not arise.

Disputes referred by Uttaranchal Government regarding allotment of employees

*338. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Uttaranchal has referred certain disputed issues to the Central Government for decision with regard to matter of allotment of employees after the formation of the state; and

(b) if so, the details of such referred cases alongwith the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Uttaranchal *vide* its letter dated 1/2.04.2004 has referred to Central Government the issue of allocation of employees of the Secretariat Cadre.

(b) The Government of Uttaranchal had requested not to allocate any more personnel of the Secretariat cadre apart from the 175 personnel already allocated on 'option' basis to that State, and to allocate 'vacancies' against the remaining posts. The Central Government, after considering the request of the Government of Uttaranchal, has already written to the State Advisory Committee *vide* its letter dated 26.8.2004 to consider the issue in accordance with the instructions of the Government of India.

Bypasses on National Highway in Kerala

*339. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the Government of Kerala for early construction of bypasses on National Highways in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status report of work started in each case; and

(d) by when the entire construction work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala on 20-7-2004 has submitted a proposal for early construction of 11 bypasses on National Highways in Kerala. The details are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Bypass	NH No.	Total Length (Km)	Status
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Kozihikode Bypass	17	28.124	Land acquisition completed. Construction completed in 7.254 km and in progress in another 6.37 km